

LOCAL NEWS.

Conservative Nominations.

Meetings of the Conservatives were held in all the Wards last night for the purpose of making nominations for the approaching election.

FIRST WARD.—In the First Ward the meeting was held in the school house on the north-west corner of Duke and Royal streets. Hugh Latham was appointed Chairman, and W. H. Marbury, Secretary.

Mr. Latham announced that the object of the meeting was to nominate Aldermen and Councilmen.

On motion of C. W. Wattle, it was resolved, that the Chairman appoint six persons as a nominating committee, whose action was to be referred to the meeting for ratification.

Under the resolution the Chair appointed the following committee: C. W. Wattle, M. Nash, T. W. Doby, E. Snowden, Jr., J. H. Burroughs and Orlando Wood, who retired and returned in a short time and reported, through their chairman, Mr. Wattle, that they could not agree upon nominations, and upon motion, they were discharged.

The following nominations were made for Aldermen: G. H. Markell, W. H. Marbury, H. O. Cloughton and Samuel H. Janney. When Mr. Janney was nominated, he was asked by Mr. Wattle, being a Magistrate, if he was eligible for Aldermen. He replied that if he got the nomination, he would resign his commission as Magistrate.

On motion of the Chair appointed W. W. Rock and B. H. Lambert, Jr., tellers, who announced 118 votes had been cast, of which G. H. Markell received 77, S. H. Janney, 63; W. H. Marbury, 63; H. O. Cloughton, 31; G. H. Markell and S. H. Janney having received the highest number, and a majority of the votes cast, were declared nominated.

W. S. Moore, W. W. Rock, Benoni Wheat, G. W. Harrison, G. R. Shinn, I. Eichberg, L. L. Loving, John Cogswell, C. L. Neale, Orlando Wood and J. E. Dyer were nominated for Councilmen.

On motion of Capt. D. L. Smoot, it was resolved, that the four receiving the highest number of votes be declared the nominees. W. S. Moore having received 72, B. Wheat, 69; G. R. Shinn, 75; C. L. Neale, 43; W. W. Rock, 43; G. W. Harrison, 25; I. Eichberg, 33; John Cogswell, 9; L. L. Loving, 33; O. Wood, 32; J. E. Dyer, 11; the four were declared nominated, and the nominations were declared unanimous.

E. Snowden, Jr. and Hugh Latham then addressed the meeting, counselling harmony, and united and vigilant action by the Conservatives of the ward.

On motion of Capt. D. L. Smoot, T. D. Fendall was unanimously nominated for the office of Magistrate, and the meeting then adjourned.

SECOND WARD.—The meeting in this ward was held at the hall of the "Sun" engine house, Col. James S. French in the chair, and Geo. W. Rock, Secretary. The object of the meeting having been explained, nominations for the Board of Aldermen were made, with the following result:

Whole number of votes cast 103, of which H. L. Simpson received 46; James S. French, 37; James Green, 20. Messrs Simpson and French were declared nominated.

James Green, Joseph Hopkins, Thomas Rishell, Henry Stuart, L. D. Harrison, John S. Chapman, and John Lannon were then nominated for the Common Council, and a ballot having been taken the following result was announced: Hopkins, 55; Rishell, 48; Green, 40; Stuart, 37; Harrison, 28; Chapman, 27; Lannon, 8.

The first four were declared the nominees of the meeting.

Geo. H. Hill was nominated for Magistrate. Col. French made a short but very appropriate speech, full of good advice, which was well received, and it is hoped will be followed.

Samuel Wimsatt, John J. Proctor and Geo. Smith, were appointed a sub-committee to assist the Executive Committee at the polls. Thanks to the members of the "Sun" for the use of their hall were passed, the nominations were made unanimous, and after three hearty and rousing cheers for the nominees of the ward specially, and of the other wards generally, this really harmonious meeting adjourned to reassemble on Thursday morning, May 25th, at the polls, for action.

THIRD WARD.—The meeting in this ward was held in Eintracht Hall. At the appointed hour Capt. J. M. Steuart, as Superintendent, called the meeting to order, and on motion, Geo. Bryan was called to the Chair and K. Kemper appointed Secretary.

Capt. J. M. Steuart suggested that before proceeding to business a collection be taken up to defray the expenses of hall, tickets, &c. This suggestion being agreed to, Col. C. E. Stuart and M. D. Ball were requested to attend to this matter. The amount collected was \$4.55, which on motion was turned over to Capt. J. M. Steuart.

Nominations for Board of Aldermen being declared the next in order, the following gentlemen were placed in nomination:

G. Y. Worthington, M. D. Corse, C. F. Suttle, Dr. D. M. French, J. M. Broadus, P. G. Uhler and Wm. B. Rice.

Mr. G. P. Uhler's name was withdrawn by authority, and Mr. G. Y. Worthington at first declined to serve, preferring that Col. C. F. Suttle be put in his place, but at the earnest solicitation of Col. C. E. Stuart and M. D. Ball, who stated that he was the choice of a large majority of the voters of the ward, finally consented to allow his name to be used.

Balloting was then gone into with the following result:

Gen. M. D. Corse, 72; G. Y. Worthington, 58; Dr. D. M. French, 37; Col. C. F. Suttle, 7; J. M. Broadus, 3; Wm. B. Rice, 3.

Gen. M. D. Corse and G. Y. Worthington having received a majority of the whole number of votes cast, were declared the nominees of the ward for Board of Aldermen, which decision was afterwards on motion made unanimous.

The next business in order being to select suitable persons to represent the ward in the Common Council, the following nominations were made:

Wm. F. Henderson, Geo. K. Witter, T. W. Ashby, Wm. H. Smith, Jas. E. Waddy, Dr. J. C. Hill, Monroe Newton, J. M. Broadus, Geo. F. Steiner, Henry Strauss, Robt. F. Prentiss, F. L. Brockett and John S. Beach.

Messrs. M. D. Ball and George Duffey were appointed tellers.

On the first ballot the vote stood as follows: Henderson, 54; Hill, 31; Ashby, 46; Witter, 36; Smith, 35; Waddy, 33; Brockett, 30; Beach, 30; Prentiss, 25; Steiner, 16; Strauss, 12; Newton, 11; Broadus, 5.

Mr. Henderson having received a majority of the votes cast was declared nominated; and the last 4 names being dropped under the rule, a 2nd ballot was had with the following result:

Hill, 63; Waddy, 40; Smith, 33; Beach, 33; Prentiss, 31; Ashby, 28; Witter, 19; Brockett, 9.

Dr. H. having received the requisite number of votes was declared nominated.

The last named gentlemen were then dropped under the rule and a 3d ballot was had as follows: Smith 59, Beach 52, Waddy, 47, Messrs. Smith and Beach were declared nominated and this completed the required number.

On motion of Capt. J. M. Steuart Wm. H. May, esq., was unanimously nominated as a candidate for Magistrate.

Three cheers were then given for the party, and at the suggestion of Capt. Steuart, and

there being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

FOURTH WARD.—Pursuant to adjournment, a meeting of Conservative voters of the Fourth Ward convened at the hall of the Friendship engine house last night. Dr. J. B. Johnson, President of the Fourth Ward Conservative Club, occupied the chair, and Edmund Burke, acted as Secretary. The Chair briefly stated the object of the meeting to be the nomination of candidates to represent the Ward in the Board of Aldermen and Common Council, and one Magistrate from the Ward, and said that nominations for Aldermen and Councilmen were in order.

Mr. F. L. Smith, Jr., nominated for Aldermen, F. A. Reed and J. P. Agnew; for Council, John B. Smoot, Capt. M. Eldridge, Jas. W. Nalls and S. E. Gregory, and in some well chosen remarks urged the selection of the ticket named.

Dr. J. B. Johnson having been nominated, declined the honor, stating that unity and harmony were essentials in all political assemblies, and that he would do nothing to militate against the success of the party. His name, at his request, was withdrawn.

Paul R. Evans, for Aldermen, and R. T. Lucas, Capt. P. B. Hooe and John S. Greene, for Council, having been placed in nomination, the two latter gentlemen declined, and their names were withdrawn. A motion that a majority of the votes cast be necessary to a choice having prevailed, Messrs. J. J. Janieson, and S. C. Milburn were appointed tellers, the ballot was proceeded with, and at its termination was announced as follows: For Aldermen, F. A. Reed 68, J. P. Agnew 68, Paul R. Evans 16; for Council, James W. Nalls 72, John B. Smoot 71, M. Eldridge 67, S. E. Gregory 67; J. B. Johnson 12, R. T. Lucas 7, scattering 8.

Messrs. F. A. Reed and J. P. Agnew for Aldermen, and J. W. Nalls, J. B. Smoot, M. Eldridge and S. E. Gregory for Council, having received the largest number of votes cast were declared by the chair duly nominated for those positions. Nominations for Magistrate from the ward being next in order, the names of John Summers, J. Cowling and R. H. Rudd, were presented. Mr. Rudd declining, the result of the ballot stood, Summers 28, Cowling 11, scattering 1. Mr. John Summers was therefore declared the choice of the meeting as candidate for Magistrate. The nominations having been, by vote, declared unanimous the meeting, after a very harmonious session, adjourned.

MOUNT VERNON.—The Richmond State Journal says that "several public-spirited citizens have recently made generous donations for the improvement of Mount Vernon. Congress appropriated \$7,000 to be expended in repairs to the house, and such work upon the grounds as was absolutely essential to preserve the place from destruction. The Masons, as a body, have agreed to take some organized action to assist the Regency. The help already obtained is telling favorably upon the appearance of the grounds. Under the capable superintendence, Mr. Craig, a large amount of grading, ditching and sodding of exposed points has been done. The dense undergrowth along the front has been cut out, letting in the sunshine and improving greatly both the beauty and sublimity of the grounds. Many thousand fruit and ornamental trees have been set out, of rare and valuable varieties. The garden and green-house testify to the industry and skill of Mr. Craig. Everywhere there are signs of his thrift and energy, in applying the means furnished, to good purposes, for the improvement of the estate."

DEFERRED ITEMS.—The "foot man" who for some nights past, at the corner of King and Royal streets, has been extolling the virtues of calumna root steeped in red pepper tea, left the city yesterday upon being informed that he would be arrested if he did not take out a license.

The stain upon the fair escutcheon of Fish-town, received by a supposed theft of two sturgeons, committed there, a few nights since, has been removed, by finding the lost fish floating in the dock there. They had been knocked overboard accidentally.

Policeman Kemner, of Washington, formerly of Alexandria, was knocked down by a rock and severely hurt, while on duty in that city night before last.

The Maryland Police steamer has been lying off this city for the past few days.

CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY—Judge Keith presiding—4TH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS—Law Side.—E. Kepp's estate was committed to the Sheriff.

Downey vs. Fletcher et al.; judgment for plaintiff.

Baldwin & Co. vs. Dean & Co.; rule against defendants to show cause why property should be sold.

Fisher et al. vs. Gray et al.; removed to Corporation Court.

An order was issued directing records of the court to be copied and bound.

Allowances were made for the officers of the court.

Chancery Side.—Ellison & Sons vs. W. E. Atwell; decree substituting G. W. Brent trustee for S. F. Chapman.

Smith vs. Smith et al.; decree appointing commissioner to make sale of real estate.

W. H. Bailey, et al. vs. W. H. Lee & Co.; injunction dissolved.

Court adjourned until Saturday morning.

CONSERVATIVE NOMINATIONS.—The Conservatives made their nominations last evening, in the different wards for the City Council. The meetings were more largely attended than is usual at the nominating ward meetings. The tickets being thus presented, it remains for the Conservatives to support them, and to secure their election. Personal preferences if any, should now yield for the sake of the general interests,—more especially, as the gentlemen named, we have no doubt, will do their duty, faithfully, and impartially, for the good of the community. There should be union, harmony, concert of action, and good feeling, and an earnest effort to obtain success.

CHRIST CHURCH FESTIVAL.—A festival held by the ladies of Christ Church commenced at the Assembly Room last night, and will continue to-night and to-morrow night, and all who don't go will miss one of the greatest treats ever offered them. The company in attendance last night was large and unusually attractive, and the refreshments comprised everything that the imagination of man could conceive in the way of delicacies. The lunch kindly sent to this office this morning by the managers of the festival came in the nick of time, and was relished with a zest that was heightened by its deliciousness.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.—John Ferguson on complaint of Charlotte Dixon, both colored, for stealing \$6, was dismissed for want of evidence.

Mary Ellen Tebbis, for beating Becky White, both colored, was fined and discharged.

NIGHT REPORT.—Night dark and cloudy. There were no disturbances in any quarter of the city. Three lodgers but no prisoners were at the station house.

SECOND WARD RADICALS.—Pursuant to adjournment last week, the Radicals of the Second Ward assembled in a damp and unwholesome cellar on the corner of Pitt and Princess streets, last night. This "gloomy abode" was illuminated by the light of a single "dip," which was placed on the President's table, and as the Radicals began to gather in this narrow confine where all sorts of old junk, etc., had accumulated, one could hardly help surmising whether or not the "black hole" of Calcutta with its horrors could have been made more gloomy than the haunt of the faithful of the Second Ward.

At half-past eight o'clock, the President of the club, C. W. DeWitt, arose and called the meeting to order, with L. D. Harmon as Secretary. There were seven white persons present, viz: Wm. D. Massey, Walter L. Penn, Joseph Cotton, John Birrell, Larkin Patton, Robert Armstrong, and J. T. Edelin, together with about twenty-five colored men.

The card of Col. C. E. Stuart, published in yesterday's Gazette, was read, and commented upon, some averring that Col. S. "said a great many things but his prayers," etc., etc.

Thos. Carroll and Larkin Patton were appointed a committee to stay at the polls on election day, and keep a list of all the votes cast.

Alfred Dixon, colored, and Thomas Brown, white, were proposed and elected members of the club.

The next business in order being the election of delegates to the city convention, the chair appointed L. D. Harmon, G. C. Brown, and R. C. Armstrong, white, and Edgar Johnson and Marshall Williams, colored, as said delegates.

The President thought that the nomination of candidates for the City Council should be postponed until Friday night, and gave as his reason for such action that the Radicals should wait and see who the Conservatives would bring out.

Joseph Cotton endorsed the opinion of the chair, saying that the Republican party would "have to fight rebels, conservatives, amalgamationists, &c."

Larkin Patton was the first to nominate. He said now was the time to nominate, as that was dangerous to delay.

Some further debate was indulged in, but DeWitt's suggestion was adopted, a motion to that effect being made and carried.

The chair stated that there was no further business before the meeting, and said if any one present desired to speak, this was his opportunity.

Calls for Massey! Massey! were then heard to proceed from the northeast corner of the cellar. Mr. M., upon this call, arose and said: "There is such a thing as exhaustion; I have been speaking a great deal at our meetings, and really don't know that I have anything entertaining to say. I have written to a distinguished Senator to come down here and address you; I throw this out that you may know I am always working in your interests."

He made the objects of society, so were the Apostles of our Lord, but we will show them also the brain of the State. He had never desired to raise any animosity between the races. The late war, on the part of the South, was for the purpose of perpetuating and securing slavery. He did not think any man so consummate a fool as to deny it. Those who ridicule the colored man are said to be his best friends. I don't say they are not your friends, but that the Republican party is the one to which you owe your liberation, and if you don't support it you will go under. I am hated in this community; but what do I care for that? There is Mr. DeWitt, probably an able champion of Republican principles than myself; he is damned, and for what? because he looks after the interest of and seeks to enlighten the colored man and to help him. He is the doubly and trebly damned because he took a commission in a colored regiment. I am tired of seeing my name in the papers. (A yawn over in the crowd.) There is somebody very sleepy. Well, I have attended the meetings of the colored people ever since the war. I have voted with them, contributed dollar after dollar to build their churches, etc., but I have not, nor do I expect to receive any benefit by such action. There are men holding offices in Alexandria, elected by the Republican party, who had never voted against the ordinance of secession. (More yawning.)

I heard some one gap over there and as the audience is going to sleep, I will sit down.

At the conclusion of Mr. Massey's speech, Charles Seales arose, amid cries of "sit down, sit down," and commenced an assault on the City Council for passing the new charter. He went on to say that some asserted that this instrument affected rich and poor alike, but he denied it. He said a rich man for his taxes and he'll give you a check on the bank; but go to a poor man, and he has to sell his household utensils to settle the bill. The very men who professed to be the friends of the colored people, were they not afraid of bombshells and gunpowder, would soon have them all back in slavery. He regretted very much that the all-wise Creator had not endowed him with a sufficient gift of "gab" that he might give vent to his feelings. He then commenced quoting from the Bible, but had not gone very far when it became apparent to all present who were in any way acquainted with holy writ that Seales had got things "a little mixed," or in fact he was completely off his head. He referred to the story of Joseph of old, and said Mr. Smoot, of the City Council, was like him, the baker, who never thought of Joseph when he was liberated from prison.

Mr. Massey then corrected the speaker, by informing him that it was Pharaoh's baker, and not his baker who neglected to speak in behalf of him to the King. The baker was hung, according to the prediction of Joseph, &c., &c.

Seals continued, saying that these gentlemen would make fair promises on election day, but when they succeeded in getting to Council they never gave the interests of those who had sent them a thought. He went on further in the usual stereotyped strain and at the conclusion of his remarks took his seat amidst an ominous silence.

Mr. Penn was called upon by three parties. He arose and said he did not intend to say much as it was growing late. In fact he should say nothing were it not for the fact that himself and Mr. Massey had been spoken of with unvarying familiarity as "Bill" and "Watt."

He ridiculed the recent Conservative meeting at Liberty Hall, and stigmatized J. C. Moore, one of its speakers, as the modern Ben-Hidman. He said the Republican party had been held up to contempt and derision by men whose impudence was only equalled by their trickery. He went on in his usual style, in regard to the City Council, new charter, &c., saying nothing new, or what had not been said by him at the other ward meetings.

Some other colloquy of a non-interesting character took place, after which the meeting adjourned.

SWORN IN.—Richard L. Carne, appointed City Superintendent of Public Schools, qualified yesterday, by taking the oath of office before the Hon. Enoch M. Lowe, Judge of the City Court. Mr. C. has been performing the duties of the office, since its creation by the General Assembly, under his commission as County Superintendent, at the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

IMPROVING.—Mr. Charles Brill who accidentally fell on the street last week and dislocated the cap of his knee, has improved so that he is again able to come to his store.

Mr. D. Bendheim and Mr. Robert Portner, who were thrown from a spring wagon on Tuesday last and considerably injured, are improving rapidly.

THE END OF THE FISHING.—The end of the fishing is rapidly approaching, the receipts at the fish wharf to-day amounting only to about seventy-five thousand. As stated some days ago, all the shores below Chapman's have already "cut out" and operations above that point are now ceasing. Bryant's Point having "cut out" yesterday. A vessel arrived from Chapman's this morning with only six thousand herring on board, and it is reported that they will "cut out" to-day or to-morrow, as at the last haul of some three cat fish only were caught.

FIREMEN'S UNIFORMS.—The hats and belts for the relief Hook and Ladder Company, ordered at the notion house of Mr. Charles Green, have arrived and been delivered. They are furnished to the Company at fifty cents less each than the manufacturer in New York would have supplied them. The advantage of buying at home is clearly demonstrated in this instance, and as Mr. Green deals largely in this class of goods as well as military trappings, &c., it will be to the interest of all who have to buy such articles to make their purchases from him.

A DISAGREEABLE VISITOR.—A stranger called at the house of Mrs. McKenny, on Water street, last night, and begged for lodging, stating that he was sick and destitute. He was kindly taken in and put to bed, where he remained but a short time before he manifested such signs of insanity that the police were called and he was carried to the station house. It was then discovered that he was suffering from mania. As he hailed from the Relay House he was sent on his way to that place this morning.

CHURCH FESTIVAL.—To-day, being Ascension Day, the anniversary of the Ascension of our Saviour into Heaven, services were held at St. Mary's Church, at 6, 7, and 11 a. m. and 4 p. m., Rev. Messrs. Kees, McDonough and Toole officiating.

ACCEPTED THE INVITATION.—The Cadet Corps of St. John's Academy, under the command of Lieut. Col. E. D. Ficklin, has accepted the invitation of the Columbia Fire Company to unite in the parade on Monday next.

ALARM OF FIRE.—The alarm of fire about eight o'clock last night was caused by the bursting of a lamp in the house on the corner of Fairfax and Queen streets. No damage was done.

PICNIC.—The scholars of Rev. Mr. Bischoff's German School preceded by the German and American flags, marched to Porter's Garden this evening and engaged in a picnic there.

THE WEATHER.has turned quite cool. There has probably been much rain, and it may be hail in the adjacent country.

Much complaint is made about the breakage of the glass in the street lamps, by the throwing of stones.

The Place to Buy your Clothing.

If you want a good Spring Suit from \$6 and upwards, go to **BLONDHEIM'S**, Corner King and Fairfax streets.

If you want a first-class Black, Blue or Brown Short Frock Coat, go to **BLONDHEIM'S**, Corner King and Fairfax streets.

If you wish to see the best assortment of Light Colored Pants and Vests, go to **BLONDHEIM'S**, Corner King and Fairfax streets.

If you want the latest style Derby Coat for men or boys, go to **BLONDHEIM'S**, Corner King and Fairfax streets.

If you wish to see the best assortment of Light Colored Pants and Vests, go to **BLONDHEIM'S**, Corner King and Fairfax streets.

If you want the leading fashions of Neckties, Bowls and Scarf, go to **BLONDHEIM'S**, Corner King and Fairfax streets.

BLONDHEIM'S is introducing all the new SPRING STYLES at lower prices than other houses in the trade, and can say in regard to cheapness that he has cast all others out of the ring, and stands champion among clothiers.

BLONDHEIM'S, 21 Corner King and Fairfax streets.

The ladies of the Second Presbyterian Church will hold their usual Festival at the Assembly Rooms next week, commencing Tuesday, May 29th.

ATTENTION, COLUMBIA.—The active and contributing members of the Columbia Steam Fire Engine Co. are requested to meet in their hall, corner of King and St. Asaph streets, to-morrow night, May 18, at 8 o'clock, as business of importance will be transacted. Members are requested to appear in uniform.

By order of the President: **ALFRED J. MARSHALL**, Rec. Secretary.

TOILET SOAPS! TOILET SOAPS!

Received this day a large assortment of ENGLISH and AMERICAN TOILET SOAPS, Cashmere Bouquet, Genuine Brown Windsor, Elder Flower, Musk, Elder, Lemon, Orange and many other fine Toilet Soaps. Also on hand, a full stock of cheap Soaps, such as Palm, Honey, Superior Windsor, &c. **C. C. BEERY**, 72 King street.

SODA, SELTZER, VICHY AND KISSENGEN.

The new and beautiful SIX DRAUGHT TUBE FOUNTAIN at **WARFIELD & HALL'S** is now in full operation, from which they are fully prepared to supply the trade with their well-known superior SODA, together with VICHY, SELTZER and KISSENGEN WATERS. **my 17**

SEASONED PINE AND OAK WOOD.

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REMOVAL.

We, the undersigned, beg leave to inform the public that we are removing from the old Custom House building, to the corner of King and Water streets, where we intend to carry on our well-established business on a still larger scale. **my 17-18**

BY VIRTUE OF AUTHORITY VESTED in me as Administrator upon the estate of **JAMES GLEASON**, deceased, I shall proceed to sell at **Haystack**, on Monday, the 25th day of May, at 12 o'clock of that day, the following property to wit: **TWO MILCH COWS,** **EDMUND BURKE**, Administrator. **my 17-18**

WHITE QUEEN'S ORGANDIES. (New style Dress Goods.)

White Bishop Lawns, White Satin-finished Cambric, White Flax and Striped Cambric—all very beautiful and cheap. **ROBT. L. WOOD**, No. 62 King st. **my 17-18**

100 DOZEN MORE OF THOSE COL-LARS.

Just received the second 100 dozen Linen Collars for this week, at 64c. **my 17-18**

THE NEW MATERIAL SO MUCH USED TO LINE GRENADINE DRESSES. **my 17**

ROBT. L. WOOD.

TELEGRAPH NEWS.

[Special Dispatches to the Gazette.]

FOREIGN NEWS.

LONDON. May 18—5 a. m.—The Times special dispatch from Paris says 600 persons were killed by the explosion near the avenue Trocadero last night. Most of them were women.

BERLIN. May 17—night.—There was a stormy discussion in the German Reichstag to-day involving the right of members to inquire into the acts of the Government. The liberals were vehement in demanding this right. This is the first conflict between the German Parliament and the Government since the Reichstag met. The southern members are exceedingly suspicious and speak their minds plainly. The Reichstag sits for three weeks.

There will be no Whitsuntide holidays. **PARIS.** May 17—Wednesday Evening.—The Prussians are arriving at Enghien. Last night the police authorities of the Hotel de Ville, with a guard of franc-tireurs descended upon Peters' American restaurant, on the boulevard, and arrested one hundred and fifty men and women who were there supping luxuriously. Their offence was extravagance not in keeping with the times. Among those arrested are several superior officers of the Commune, whom it has been determined to punish for neglecting their duty for pleasure.

Shells have been falling over all parts of the city to-day. There is great fear by the Commune authorities of a revolutionary attack upon the Hotel de Ville, and the guards have been doubled. A reactionary movement is imminent. It is believed the explosion formed part of a conspiracy against the Commune.

VERSAILLES. May 17, night.—Last night a large body of insurgents advanced from their works in front of the ramparts of Paris and attempted to surprise the Government troops at Neuilly. They were promptly met by the troops, who were fully aware of the approach, and after a sharp struggle were routed by a bayonet charge and driven back to Paris, leaving behind many dead and wounded.

LONDON. May 18.—The Times special from Paris says the Commune has resolved to form a central club of women for the purpose of distributing runaway.

The delegation of the Commune in the second arrondissement has decreed closing in that portion of Paris all houses of ill-fame.

The Daily News' special from Paris reports great agitation among the people and distrust of the Commune. Arrests are becoming general.

It is supposed the Germans are about to send an ultimatum to the Commune.

Heavy columns of troops are near Passy, where a battle is hourly expected.

The Telegraph's special from Versailles says 10,000 insurgents attempted Tuesday to surprise the Government forces at Neuilly, but were repulsed and driven back to their own lines.

It is reported that the Versailles troops have carried the Muette gate of Paris.